

2023-2024 Anti-Trafficking Action Plan for the Kyrgyz Republic

Below please find recommendations for specific goals and objectives to further the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic's anti-trafficking efforts over the next year:

1. Increase efforts to proactively identify trafficking victims and refer them to services, particularly among vulnerable populations including individuals in commercial sex; female victims of crime; Kyrgyzstani and foreign national migrant workers; and LGBTQI+ individuals.
2. Consistently implement and train officials on the NRM and SOPs on victim identification and referral to care and ensure the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Security Service formally adopt the SOPs.
3. Vigorously investigate and prosecute alleged traffickers and seek adequate penalties for convicted traffickers, which should involve adequate prison terms, including complicit government officials, utilizing the articles of the criminal code relating to trafficking in persons.
4. Ensure victims are not inappropriately penalized solely for unlawful acts committed as a direct result of being trafficked.
5. Increase trafficking-specific training for law enforcement, including on the relevant trafficking related criminal code articles.
6. Increase funding and in-kind support for victim services, including long-term services, social reintegration assistance, and shelters for men and child victims of trafficking.
7. Strengthen the capacity of the Labor Inspectorate to identify and refer victims of forced labor, including by increased training on human trafficking and allowing unfettered access to factories, construction sites, and farms.
8. Provide increased resources for law enforcement units designated to investigate online child sex trafficking and other cyber-facilitated trafficking

crimes.

9. Develop mechanisms to prevent trafficking of returned migrants and families that depend on remittances, including by coordinating with international organizations and civil society.
10. Establish and implement child-friendly procedures for investigations and prosecutions.
11. Establish and implement a comprehensive anti-trafficking data collection system for use by law enforcement and inter-ministerial coordinating bodies.
12. Eliminate all employee-paid recruitment fees for Kyrgyzstani migrant workers.